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# Letters to the Editor

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## Tests in the Pacific

It is hard to understand the logic in Senator Mansfield's recent complaint about planned Soviet missile tests to the Pacific Ocean.

In the first place, the long and short-range hazards to the area and its inhabitants are vastly less than from our H-bomb tests there.

Secondly, we are vigorously engaged in the same operation, popping missiles into the South Atlantic and North Pacific—and I am sure we consulted neither the U. S. S. R. nor the United Nations.

Thirdly, if we object to the relatively innocuous Soviet space shots, we should certainly have voted in the United Nations against the French atomic blasts in Africa.

It is little short of rabble-rousing to attack the Soviet for damaging the "spirit of Camp David" by missile tests when we are carrying them on steadily and threatening to resume atomic testing. We need to look at our own actions honestly and reasonably and not increase tensions by making emotional attacks on the U. S. S. R. for doing what we are doing.

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